

PEACE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY VILLA

BRITISH GIVE
UP ATTACK ON
TURK STRAIT?

Abandonment of Great Project on Gallipoli Peninsula a Question.

FORCES WITHDRAWN

London Tells of Movement of Anglo Soldiers From Suvla and Anzac.

London, Dec. 20, (2:00 p. m.)—The British troops at the Suvla and Anzac districts of Gallipoli peninsula have been withdrawn.

The following official statement was issued here today:

"All the troops at Suvla and Anzac, together with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties, to another sphere of operations."

The Suvla bay and Anzac cove positions are on the north coast of Gallipoli peninsula. Anzac cove is about 16 miles from the tip. Suvla bay is five miles further on.

Intention Not Clear.

As no mention is made in the British announcement of the allied position in the Soudan Bahr position, at the tip of the peninsula, it is not clear whether the withdrawal of troops indicates a decision to abandon the effort to force the Dardanelles or means merely a re-adjustment of the allied forces.

There had been no previous hint of such a move, although the question had been raised in England whether, in view of the failure of the allies to make appreciable headway at the Dardanelles and the urgent need for additional troops at Saloniki, the Dardanelles forces would be withdrawn. Two official Turkish communications, received yesterday, spoke of heavy firing from land and sea by the allies, but mentioned no movements out of the ordinary, although this bombardment may have been conducted to cover the withdrawal.

There are two fields of operation in the near east to which British troops withdrawn from the Gallipoli peninsula might be forwarded—Macedonia and Egypt.

Anticipate Attack.

London looks for an attack on the positions at Saloniki. No official information is available as to the number of French and British troops in Greece, which has been estimated recently at about 200,000. Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey have at their disposal several times that number of men, although Greece is opposed to the use of Bulgarian or Turkish troops for an advance on Saloniki.

The allied troops at Saloniki are being reinforced steadily. This Greek port is within easy sailing distance of the Gallipoli peninsula.

If recent unofficial advices concerning the Egyptian situation are authentic, the Great Britain may feel the necessity of increasing her armed forces there. It has been reported that the Germans and Turks are preparing a formidable expedition to invade Egypt, capture the Suez canal and cut off England from India. According to one account, this enterprise has been placed in the hands of Field Marshal von Der Goltz, the German commander of the first Turkish army. The Germans are reported to have constructed a double track railway to the Egyptian border through southern Syria.

Move Is Good News.

"Thank God, they are safely out of there without serious loss," is an expression frequently heard today in connection with the transfer of the troops from the Suvla and Anzac zones to "another sphere of operations," although this is invariably coupled with regrets that it should have been regarded as necessary to evacuate the hard-won footholds on the peninsula, obtained at such a heavy cost in casualties. The toe of the Gallipoli peninsula, with Suddul Bahr, commanding the entrance to the Dardanelles, is apparently still to be held, as no mention is made of the transfer of troops from this region.

American Is Decorated.

Paris, Dec. 20, (5:50 a. m.)—Russell G. Dreyer of Boston, director of the American Distributing Service of Paris, who recently was injured in the motor car accident in which Dr. C. R. Cross of Brookline, Mass., was killed and who is now convalescent, was formally presented yesterday with the decoration of the cross of the Legion of Honor.

WAL' FOLKS—BEING AS NOW WOODY IS WEDDED AN' WERE SUPPLIED THEREBY WITH A MISTRESS FOR TH' WHITE HOUSE AN' CONSIDERIN' THAT TH' SIXTY-FOURTH CONGRESS IS BUSY WITH OUR LEGAL AFFAIRS AN' WE'RE STILL AT PEACE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS, I RECKON IT'S 'BOUT TIME WE WERE GETTIN' BUSY FINISHIN' UP OUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPIN' © EH? WHAT?

TAFT VICTIM OF
SUDDEN ILLNESS

Former President Suffers Severe Attack on Train Enroute to La Crosse, Wis.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 20.—Former President William Howard Taft arrived here last night sick and was taken to the home of a former classmate at Yale, George W. Burton, where he was put to bed immediately. He was taken with such chills on the train that it was necessary to make up a bed for him in the parlor car. A telegram was sent ahead to have a bed prepared for him and a throat specialist ready. At 8:30 o'clock this morning the former president was still in bed and there was doubt that he would be able to carry out his program here today.

STUDY CRIMINALS
BY NEW METHODS

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 20.—A system of psychological tests for criminals, recently inaugurated by the Berkeley police department under the supervision of experts of the University of California, has proved so successful that it is being employed in various other cities of the country. Word has been received, Chief of Police August Vollmer announced today, that the New York department is preparing to make use of the system, which recently was put into effect at Chicago and Seattle, Wash.

AERIAL EXPERT IS
DASHED TO EARTH

Guatemala City, Guatemala, Dec. 20.—While making a flight, Instructor S. S. Jerwan of the aviation school here fell with his machine and was injured, probably fatally.

New York, Dec. 20.—S. S. Jerwan is well known here. At the Aero club it was said he came to America from France a number of years ago and later became an American citizen.

PRESIDENT AND
BRIDE HAPPY IN
THEIR RETREAT

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 20.—President Wilson and his bride abandoned plans to play golf today to reply to hundreds of messages of congratulations from personal friends, relatives and officials.

Since reaching here the couple has remained in such deep seclusion that only members of their immediate party have seen them. They expected, however, to take an automobile ride late today. Their private railroad car was sent away today.

Pint of Gems
is Found in
Thieves' Den

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 20.—Seven persons are under arrest here today, following a raid by the police on an apartment in the east end, during which \$14,500 worth of jewelry and silver plate was seized. More than a pint of diamonds, emeralds and other stones, which had been removed from their settings, were found in the apartment, according to the police, who charge that the loot was stolen in more than 100 robberies which have occurred in that section of the city during the past three months. Persons whose homes have been entered by thieves recently will be called in tomorrow by the police to attempt to identify their property.

FRENCH AGAINST
ENDING THE WAR

Paris, Dec. 20, (5:30 a. m.)—The socialists of Paris and of this district met in private session and it is reported voted almost unanimously that France should pursue the war so as to render the defeat of imperialism in Germany more effective, as the resolution put it, and peace more durable. The resolution is said to have provided also that the renewal of socialist international relations could only be considered when the German minority had completely separated itself from the German social democracy. It is stated that the vote was 6,000 in favor of the resolution to 100 against it.

TEUTONS ADMIT
ALLIED ATTACK

Berlin, Dec. 20, via London, (3:55 p. m.)—Entente allied monitors yesterday shelled the German positions at Westende on the Belgian coast, but were finally driven away by land batteries, says the official statement issued today by German army headquarters. The statement adds that German aviators attacked the town of Poperinghe, near Ypres, numerous hostile troops being concentrated there.

SCHMIDT CALLED
LEADING FIGURE

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—Matthew A. Schmidt was the leading and not a subordinate figure in the conspiracy which resulted in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building and the killing of 20 of its employees a number of years ago, according to the testimony of De Vose, the detective who was placed on his trail 15 months ago and who appeared today as the star witness in Schmidt's trial on a charge of murder.

TRIAL HANGS ON
A SINGLE THREAD

Pair Charged With Fleeing Farmer Anxiously Await Testimony of Expert.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Lodovine Miller and J. Marion Miller, her brother, alleged swindlers of Thomas ("Sentimental Tommy") Foulkes, a farmer of Danbury, Iowa, are scheduled to be placed on trial for the second time in the criminal court here today. They were convicted in the summer of 1911 of operating a confidence game—the alleged mulcting of the farmer of \$32,000 and two farms valued at \$40,000—but were granted a new trial later.

The case has been set for trial but it is not certain whether it will be tried in view of a letter turned over to Marvin E. Barnhart, assistant state's attorney by Miller. The missive bears Foulkes' signature and contains an admission of perjured testimony in the first trial but Foulkes denies writing it. A specimen of his handwriting was taken by the assistant state's attorney for the purpose of comparing it with the writing in the letter. On the report of the expert depends the second trial. If he finds the writing identical, Prosecutor Barnhart asserted he would dismiss the charge.

FORMER OFFICIAL
IS WED SECRETLY

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Huntington Wilson, a former first assistant secretary of state and Mrs. Lucile Powell, divorced wife of Frederick James Powell, New York lawyer, were married here last Tuesday and kept the fact a secret until today.

They were married by a justice of the peace and the only witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. William Sharon of San Francisco, and John Newlands, son of Francis G. Newlands, United States senator from Nevada.

The couple are prominent socially in New York, Newport and Washington. Both recently obtained divorce decrees at Reno.

Murder Charge Dismissed.

Winterset, Ia., Dec. 20.—County Attorney Phil Wilkinson today dismissed the charge of murder against John Frazer, accused with his younger brother, George, of killing Rufus Webster, a rich merchant at Webster last Aug. 26. George Frazer was found guilty of second degree murder at his trial here.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Tuesday with the lowest temperature tonight between 15 and 18 degrees.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 12. Highest yesterday, 20, lowest last night, 11.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m. 0.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 83, at 7 a. m. 100, at 1 p. m. today 69.

Stage of water 2.4, a fall of one foot in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

HUNTING FOR
EVIDENCE IN
TEUTON PLOT

Department of Justice Digging Up Material Against the Conspirators.

INVOLVE MANY MORE?

Search of Koenig's Books Expected to Reveal Important Information.

New York, Dec. 20.—Frederick Metzler, held with others in connection with alleged plots in this country to embarrass the allies by hindering the manufacture of or destroying munitions, made a full statement to the federal authorities today concerning the activities of Paul Koenig of the Hamburg-American line. Koenig, he said, had 25 agents in New York alone, and reported the results of his investigation to Captain von Papen, the German military attaché.

According to Metzler, Koenig's activities through agents extended to Quebec, Burlington, Vermont, Boston and Portland, Maine. His activities in this city, Metzler charged further, brought into his possession, among other things, secret reports made by attaches of the Russian embassy on the result of tests of speed boats in Long Island sound. These, said Metzler, Koenig got through Frederick Schindler of the National City bank, now under arrest.

Koenig Guiding Hand. Metzler charged that it was Koenig who sent George Fuchs to destroy the Welland canal, but Fuchs, he said, reported after visiting the canal that its destruction could not be accomplished at that time.

New York, Dec. 20.—The department of justice, through William M. O'Flaherty, head of the bureau of investigation here, continued today its search for evidence regarding the activities of Paul Koenig, Richard F. Leyendecker and Frederick Metzler in the alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal. Koenig and Leyendecker are at liberty on bail but Metzler is in the custody of federal officers and has not been arraigned.

It is understood that the purpose of delaying Metzler's arraignment is to prevent his whereabouts becoming known to the other alleged conspirators, in the hope that Metzler will disclose to the government agents the details of the conspiracy. It was said today that possibly Metzler would become a witness for the government. It is reported that an examination of the books and documents seized by government agents in the offices of Koenig and Leyendecker will result in a large number of additional arrests.

Witnesses Arrive.

Three witnesses in the Welland canal investigation arrived here from Niagara Falls today. They are Daniel W. Schwartz, a hotel man; John Schwartz, master mechanic of the power plant at Niagara Falls, and Mrs. Lisette Fuchs, stepmother of George Fuchs, one of the local men detained by federal agents as a witness.

Resume Labor Inquiry.

While the department of justice agents are investigating the Welland plot it is understood that the federal grand jury will resume this week its inquiry into the activities of Labor's National Peace council, accused by the United States district attorney here of fomenting strikes in war munition plants. This organization is alleged to have been financed by Franz von Rintelen acting through David Lamar.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who has been credited with opposing the activities of the council, is expected to testify before the grand jury.

SELECTING MAN
AS SUCCESSOR TO
NEGRO EDUCATOR

New York, Dec. 20.—A committee of five of the trustees of Tuskegee Institute will meet here this afternoon to select a successor to the late Booker T. Washington as head of the institute. The choice of a new head for Tuskegee is said to lie between Major Robert R. Moton of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., and Emmet Scott, acting head of Tuskegee since Dr. Washington's death. The northern members of the committee are said to favor Major Moton, but are anxious to obtain the services of a man to whom the south will be friendly.

New England
Gets Million
in Tree Crop

Glen Falls, N. Y., Dec. 20.—With the close of the Christmas tree season in the Adirondacks by the forwarding of the last shipment to New York today it is estimated that \$1,000,000 worth of young trees have been cut for the display of Christmas decorations and gifts. Lumbermen say that the cutting of the small trees has been of benefit to the training timber and that the practice now is to avoid denuding large sections of forest of the young growth. Cuttings are now made, they say, so as to leave other young trees standing and give them more room to grow.

TWELVE CITIZENS
OF THIS COUNTRY
WERE ON ANCONA

List of Names of Americans Received—Note to Austria on Its Way.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The names of 12 Americans said to have been on the Ancona when she was torpedoed were received today by the state department from Ambassador Page at Rome. The cablegram reads as follows:

"Twelve Americans known to have been aboard the Ancona. They were Mrs. Cecile L. Grell, first cabin; Joseph Torrisi and daughter Carmela, second cabin, and the following third cabin: Alexander Potalivo, wife, two sons, Mario and Iriando, and two daughters, Maria Iriando and Maria; Pasquale Mascola Lamura, (formerly mentioned as Saurino, naturalized), Mrs. Francis Mascola Lamura, reported as wife of naturalized American citizen and child, name not given.

"Of the foregoing only three are known to survive, namely, Mrs. Grell, who left Rome to sail today from Bordeaux by steamer Rochambeau, Joseph Torrisi, in hospital at Ferryville, Tunisia, and Iriando Potalivo."

Note Is Sent.

Secretary Lansing announced today that the second American note to Austria on the sinking of the steamship Ancona had gone forward yesterday and should reach Vienna tomorrow night. While Mr. Lansing gave no intimation of its contents the note is understood to be a virtual reiteration of the original American demands, with the implication that it is the United States' last word on the subject.

The text of the note will be issued for publication in newspapers Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Lansing said.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The note is about 600 yards long and although characterized by those acquainted with its wording as firm in tone, is said to be somewhat less sharp than the first note in the tenor of its demands. It is based squarely, according to these officials, on the Austrian admiralty's own version of the Ancona sinking, and while reference is made to American victims and survivors, the reference is said to be more incidental than direct.

THE WAR TODAY

Today's German official statement reports inactivity of the German and Bulgarian armies in the Balkans. The Austrians, however, continue active against the Serbian and Montenegrin forces in Montenegro, the capture of several hundred prisoners and five guns being recorded.

The withdrawal of the British troops in the Suvla bay and Anzac zones of the Gallipoli peninsula and their transfer to "another sphere of operation" is officially announced in London.

The removal of these forces with their guns and stores was effected successfully and with insignificant casualties, it is declared.

The significance of the move is not clearly brought out by the official announcement, but it may herald the abandonment of the Gallipoli enterprise. No mention is made, however, of the British troops that have been stationed nearer the tip of the peninsula or of the French forces cooperating in the campaign.

Greek protests against Bulgarian armies entering Greece caused the Germans to halt their allies at the border, according to the Athens correspondent. Germany is said to have notified Greece to this effect and to have begun the concentration of Austro-German forces at the border. The concentration will be completed by Thursday.

BANDIT CHIEF
CONSENTS TO
QUIT MEXICO

Representatives of Warring Faction Agree to Accept Defacto Government.

MAY LIVE OVER LINE

Strong Possibility of United States Being Chosen as General's Home.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 20.—An agreement was reached and papers were being signed at noon today whereby the Villa faction in northern Mexico concludes peace terms with the defacto government of Mexico. The conference was held between Mexican Consul Garcia and former lieutenants of General Francisco Villa at the consulate in El Paso.

General Francisco Villa is reported at Juarez. The signing of the peace agreement eliminates him from Mexican affairs.

Arrangements for General Francisco Villa to enter the United States, ending his participation in Mexican affairs, were begun today on receipt of Secretary Lansing's decision that Villa would be accorded asylum as a political refugee.

Washington, Dec. 20.—State department officials have decided that General Villa will receive the asylum accorded a political refugee should he enter the United States. This decision was sent last night to General Funston by the war department for transmission to Villa or his representatives.

State department agents had reported that alleged intermediaries had requested Villa's immunity from arrest, saying that if this was given they believed Villa would abandon the fight against Carranza and retire to private life in the United States.

Regarded End of Trouble.

The state department does not conceal its desire to have Villa eliminated. Without him the revolution in the north will certainly fail, officials believe. The intermediaries also said that the plan was for the retirement from the field of the entire Villa army. Secretary Lansing announced that Villa had the right to enter the United States and would be given the same facilities of doing so as any other foreigner. A dispatch to this effect has been sent to General Funston, the secretary said, to be delivered to Villa.

REPORT BULGARS
FIGHTING GREEKS

Paris, Dec. 20, (3:55 p. m.)—Fighting between small detachments of Greek and Bulgarian troops is reported in a dispatch from Brindisi, Italy, to the Havas News Agency. It is said several Greek officers and soldiers were killed or wounded and that the Greek government is hastily forwarding reinforcements to the scene of the fighting.

The dispatch says that the disturbances occurred in the vicinity of Epitauras, at the western end of the Serbo-Greek border. A Bulgarian advance guard is said to have penetrated Greek territory after an encounter with Greek outposts resulting in lively fighting.

KING AND QUEEN
FLEE FROM BOMBS

Paris, Dec. 19, (4:55 a. m.)—Details of the narrow escape from death recently of the king and queen of Belgium when German aviators threw bombs on the fishing village where the royal couple now reside, are printed today by the Petit Journal.

The king and queen were coming out of church from mass with the rest of the congregation, says the paper's correspondent, when six German aeroplanes appeared, flying low. Apparently they were coming from Ostend.

The king at once told the people to scatter and take shelter but the aeroplanes approached so rapidly that few had time to comply with his instructions before the machines were over the village. Two bombs fell a few yards from the king and queen but they were not hit by the flying instruments.